

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-16, 26-35, 38-43 and 50-58 are pending. By this Amendment Claims 18-34, 36, 37 and 44-47 are canceled, Claims 1, 2, 5-11, 13-16, 35 and 38-43 are amended and Claims 50-54 are added. No new matter is added.

Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that Claims 1-16 and 35 contain allowable subject matter.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-3 and 5-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 1 is amended to obviate this rejection.

The Office Action rejects Claims 18-25 and 36-47 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S.P. 6,234,522 to Peterson et al. in view of Greene's Production and Inventory Control Handbook and Dobler's Purchasing and Supply Management in view of U.S.P. 5,374,813 to Shipp. With respect to Claims 18-25, 36, 37 and 44-47 this rejection is moot. With respect to Claims 38-43 this rejection is respectfully traversed.

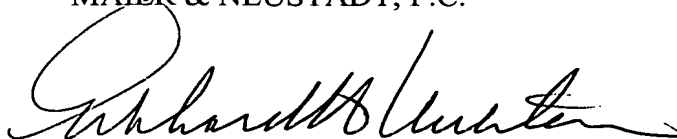
Claims 38-43 have been amended to depend from independent Claim 1, previously indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Thus, Claims 38-43 are in condition for allowance.

New Claims 50-54 correspond to original Claims 1, 2 and 5-7 respectively. New Claims 50-54 replace the recitation of an X-ray CT apparatus and detector with MRI apparatus and magnetic field coil. None of the applied references relate to the replacement of magnetic field coils in an MRI apparatus.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

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